




## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Governing Board

**FROM:**  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

**DATE:** April 2, 2008

**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for the design and construction of the Pacoima Wash Greenway Eighth Street Park in the City of San Fernando.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for the design and construction of the Pacoima Wash Greenway Eighth Street Park in the City of San Fernando.

Background: Proposition 50 created a program for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) projects. The IRWM Grant Program is administered jointly by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Resources Control Board and is intended to promote an integrated and regional approach to water management. In 2005 DWR solicited proposals for implementation projects. MRCA's proposal for the Pacoima Wash Greenway Eighth Street Park was one of the proposals selected to receive IRWM funding.

The IRWM Grant Program is structured so that all projects within a watershed are combined to form a group application. For the upper Los Angeles River watershed, the County of Los Angeles Flood Control District is the lead agency for the application. The County will enter into a grant agreement with DWR, and then enter into separate agreements with each of the local implementing agencies for the funded projects in the watershed. The proposed action will authorize MRCA to enter into this agreement with the County, thus enabling MRCA to access the funding authorized for the project. All other local agencies with funded projects will also be entering into a similar agreement with the County.

The draft agreement is attached and no substantial revisions are expected.